

VRIS UPDATE

Releasing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Records Effective 11/4/2013 Number 372

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The program manual chapter on Record, Confidentiality and Information Release has been revised to provide guidance with respect to re-releasing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Records. The revision explains that while federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2) do not directly apply to Nebraska VR, the regulatory restrictions on disclosure or re-release do apply.

A general authorization to release information is not a sufficient release according to 42 CFR Part 2. A VR Release of Information form signed by the client where the client has not crossed out “Drug and alcohol treatment records (including AIDS/HIV)” does not meet the definition of a general authorization to release information; therefore, re-release is allowed.

VRIS POSTING

The revised chapter is posted to VRIS: Program Manual: Client Services Index: General Case Management Policies: [Records, Confidentiality, and Information Release](#).

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Always verify that the VR Information Release in the file has not had “Drug and alcohol treatment records (including AIDS/HIV)” crossed out before releasing this type of information.

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